

laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. The fact that there is no law authorizing the commissioners courts of this State to pay for services of interpreters and the fact that in a great number of counties in this State it is essential in the prosecution of criminal cases to have competent interpreters to interpret the testimony of witnesses unable to speak the English language, and the fact that the passage of such a law is necessary in the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity which requires the suspension of the constitutional rule that all bills be read on three several days, and the rule is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate Bill No. 43,

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed, but be printed in the Journal only.

HUDSPETH, Chairman.

By Caldwell.

S. B. No. 43.

A BILL
To be entitled

An Act to make appropriation for the maintenance of the State Council of Defense and the payment of the Secretary thereof and his assistants, traveling expenses and other necessary expenses to be incurred by the State Council of Defense including clerk hire, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there be, and there hereby is, appropriated, out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the salary of the secretary of the State Council of Defense and the assistant secretary thereof and other necessary assistants of said State Council of Defense for clerk hire and traveling expenses

and other necessary expenses of said State Council of Defense for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary; for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of August, 1919, the further sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. The money hereby appropriated shall be paid out under the direction of the State Council of Defense upon voucher approved as now provided by law.

Sec. 3. The fact that the public welfare demands that the work of the State Council of Defense be carried on in an effective manner and that the appropriation herein provided for is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of said State Council of Defense and its necessary work create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that this bill be placed upon its third reading and final passage and that it take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Wednesday March 13, 1918.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Decherd.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Petitions and Memorials.

See appendix.

Committee Reports.

See appendix.

Messages from the Governor.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, from the executive office here appeared at the bar of the Senate with the following messages, which were laid before the Senate:

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

At the request of Senator C. B. Hudspeth, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law amending Article 2585, Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters and providing the duties of such officers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject: "An Act to amend Article 1197, Title 17, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to delinquent children so as to include and further prescribe the procedure in cases of boys and girls, fixing penalties."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

At the request of Senator C. B. Hudspeth, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 1917, relating to the appointment of a Tax Assessor and Collector of Water Improvement Districts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject: An Act to amend the law fixing the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, and to equalize the salaries of watchmen employed, and to provide adequate appropriation for the work under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

At the request of Senator V. A. Collins of Jefferson County, I submit for your consideration the subject of authorizing the payment of certain notes of the Board of Prison Commissioners in favor of the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company of Beaumont, said notes being as follows:

September 4, 1914.....	\$205.57
September 4, 1914.....	327.78
September 4, 1914.....	166.61
July 1, 1914.....	326.99

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

At the suggestion of the Attorney General and the injured party, I sub-

mit for your consideration the enactment of a law permitting John H. Elliott to sue the State of Texas for personal injuries alleged to have been received while an employe of the Texas State Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session:

At the request of Messrs. Fly, Poage and Tilson, I submit for your consideration an Act requiring teachers in the public free schools to conduct school work in the English language exclusively, preventing the adoption of texts for elementary grades not printed in English, defining the grades in which a foreign language may be taught, and fixing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5894 of Title 92 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1914 prescribing uniform weights and containers for both flour and meal; also prescribing standard weights per bushel for cured sweet potatoes, onions, Spanish peanuts, Virginia runner or bunch peanuts, and jumbo peanuts; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 8 of Chapter 181, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 6, Acts of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto Section 2b, providing for standard "grades and packs" of other fruits and vegetables, prohibiting common carriers from receiving fruits or vegetables for shipment or transporting the same in violation of

the provisions of this Act; prescribing penalties for violation of this law and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Strickland:

S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to John H. Elliot to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Anderson County, Texas, for damages for personal injuries received by him while on duty as a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Texas State Railroad; providing that such suit may be filed within two years after this act takes effect; and providing that such cause of action shall not be barred until two years after this act takes effect; and providing for the method of serving process and for procedure governing the trial and determination of such suit, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Johnston of Harris:

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 5, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Texas as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session and approved on February 11, 1913, as the same appears on page 8 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, the same being commonly called the 'Suspended Sentence Law,' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1063, Title 15, Chapter 8, Revised Code of the State of Texas, 1911, defining rape, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senators Buchanan of Bell and Hopkins:

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to employ not less than three lecturers from among the registered nurses of the State to visit the different high schools, colleges and univer-

sities of the State, those supported by public as well as private funds, to arouse a greater interest among young women in the profession of nursing, with the view of securing volunteers for this work, authorizing said board to fix the salary and compensation of said lecturers and term of their service, and providing for the payment of their compensation and expense from fees accumulated and now in the possession of or under the control of said board; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Bee:

S. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1197, Title 17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to delinquent children so as to include and further prescribe the procedure in cases of boys and girls, fixing penalties and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title 15, of the Penal Code of 1911, by adding thereto Article 1055a, making it a penal offense for any person to cause, encourage or contribute to the delinquency of any minor under the age of seventeen years, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Collins:

S. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the sale of certain public domain made by the State on February 21, 1907, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Collins:

S. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Senate Bill No. 99, Chapter 101 of the General Laws of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session and approved April 2, 1913, as the same appears on pages 188 and 189 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, the

same being commonly called the 'Wife Desertion Law,' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, regular session of 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts; providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose, providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2825, Chapter 4, Title 47 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners; providing for appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters and providing the duties of such officers; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Floyd:

S. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act directing the Board of Prison Commissioners to transfer out of any funds to the credit of said Prison Commission the sum of \$375,000 to the credit of the general fund of the State to reimburse the General fund for the amount paid on debts against the present system, under the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; authorizing and directing the Board of Prison Commissioners to pay out of funds to the credit of the said Prison Commission the balance of \$387,783.51 being the amount appropriated by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, in payment of the balance due

on such claims and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Debts, Claims and Accounts.

Morning call concluded.

House Bill No. 38.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading:

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brownfield Independent School District in Terry County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 28 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Faust.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Bailey. Buchanan of Scurry.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Dean.
Bee.	Decherd.
Buchanan of Bell.	Faust.
Clark.	Floyd.
Collins.	Gibson.

Hall.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hopkins.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Suiter.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey. Caldwell.
Buchanan of Scurry.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

House Bill No. 45.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm the action of the board of commissioners of the city of Galveston, passed March 1, 1918, conveying and releasing to the Galveston Dry Dock and Construction Company, a corporation of Galveston County, Texas, that certain area of territory in Galveston Bay, being a part of what is known as Pelican Island and the flats south thereof, as fully described by metes and bounds in said Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 45 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Faust.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Buchanan of Scurry. Suiter.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.

McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hall, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Faust.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Buchanan of Scurry. Suiter.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Simple Resolution No 33.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Texas; That Captain W. W. Williams be appointed as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the State Senate of Texas to serve in the gallery of the Senate and such other places as his services may be needed, this being the same position to which Captain Williams was assigned during the Third Called Session and other special sessions of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

Hudspeth, Henderson, Bee, Page, Johnston of Harris, McNealus.

The resolution was read.

Senator McNealus made the point of order that in the caucus report adopted at the convening of this session, the power to appoint additional employes was vested in the presiding officer, that a request of February 26, signed by 17 Senators was in the form of a request for the President of the Senate to use his own discretion in appointing said future employes, and that this resolution is therefore out of order.

The Chair overruled the point of order, holding that the caucus report upon its adoption did not become a rule of the Senate.

Senator Hudspeth moved the previous question on the adoption of the resolution, which, being duly seconded, was accordingly ordered.

Action recurred upon the pending resolution and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Faust.	Parr.
Hall.	

Nays—15.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Senate Bill No. 22.

The Chair laid before the Senate as a special order and on second reading:

S. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts within this State under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16, of the State Constitution, to be known as levee improvement districts for the purpose of reclaiming lands from overflow from rivers, creeks and streams, by systems of levees, drainage and other improvements, prescribing how such districts may be created: defining their rights, powers and privileges, and the manner of their exercise; constituting such districts when created governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate, and fixing their rights and liabilities as such; providing for the construction,

maintenance, and protection of works and improvements erected by them; making penal interference with or injury to their works or improvements, and fixing penalties and punishment to be imposed on persons offending in those regards, as well as for building levees without lawful authority; granting to such districts the right of eminent domain, and the power to levy taxes, and cause the same to be assessed and collected, and to issue bonds and create indebtedness to raise funds for the objects of their creation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read and Senator Alderdice moved the engrossment of same.

As a substitute Senator Bee moved that the bill be laid on the table subject to call.

The substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—5.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Page.
Hall.	

Nays—20.

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Johnston of Harris.

Absent.

Hudspeth.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

Pair Recorded.

Senator Hopkins (present), who would vote "nay;" Senator Woodward (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Suiter offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 22, page 15, line 11, by changing the period at the end of said line to a

comma, and add the following: "provided that said bonds shall bear a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent per annum."

SUITER.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Alderdice, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 22 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

Hudspeth. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Alderdice, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.

Nays—2.

Bailey. Hall.

Absent.

Hudspeth.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.

McCollum.

Pair Recorded.

Senator Hopkins (present), who would vote "yea;" Senator Woodward (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senate Bill No. 26.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading and as special order for this hour:

S. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2758, Chapter 12, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the salaries of county superintendent of public instruction, increasing the salaries of said county superintendents, providing for office expenses, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 26, pending.

Recess.

At 12:15 o'clock p. m., the Senate, on motion of Senator McNealus recessed until 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem. Decherd.

Simple Resolution No. 34.

Be it resolved by the Senate of Texas that Miss Ida Donnelly, an employe of this Senate, be paid the sum of \$5.35 out of the contingent expense fund, expended in going to San Antonio and procuring eleven typewriters for the employes of Senate, same being the sum this lady expended for railroad fare.

HUDSPETH.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Decherd, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm the action of the board of commissioners of the city of Galveston, passed March 1, 1918, conveying and releasing to the Galveston Dry Dock & Construction Co., a corporation of Galveston County, Texas, that certain area of territory in Galveston Bay being a part of what is known as Pelican Island and the flats south thereof, as fully described by metes and bounds in said Act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Port Lavaca Independent School District in Calhoun County, Texas, including the town of Port Lavaca, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brownfield Independent School District in Terry County, Texas, and, declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent and prohibit in time of war the sale, barter or exchange of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, within ten miles of any fort, arsenal, training camp, cantonment, aviation field or school where soldiers are being quartered, held or trained in time of war in any branch of the army or navy of the United States; to prevent and prohibit the transportation of such liquors into such territory, to provide against application for suspended sentence in such cases; to prohibit the issuance of liquor licenses in such territory; to provide suitable punishment in such cases, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the commissioners court of Anderson County to cancel and revoke all previous orders of said court authorizing the issuance of road bonds under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Stat-

utes of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 5, Relating to meeting of National and State Councils of Defense at Dallas, March 12, 1918.

Senate Bill No. 56 Re-referred.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Dean, Senate Bill No. 56 was withdrawn from the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence and was referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 889, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, amending Chapter 6, Title 13, of the Penal Code of 1911, and which amendment relates to the closed season for killing doves, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1361, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to permit the organization or reorganization of unorganized or disorganized counties upon a petition expressing such desire, signed by not less than seventy-five qualified voters, residing in such unorganized or disorganized counties, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Close Independent School District in Garza County, Texas."

Concurs in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 30.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Decherd, had referred, after their

captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 52, referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 79, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 26.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business:

S. B. No. 26, relating to the salaries of County Superintendents.

The question being upon the engrossment of the bill.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered the following amendments:

Amend Senate Bill No. 26 in Section 1 as follows:

(a) Change "twelve hundred dollars" to one thousand dollars.

(b) Change "fifteen hundred dollars" to twelve hundred fifty dollars.

(c) Change "eighteen hundred dollars" to fifteen hundred dollars.

(b) Change "twenty-one hundred dollars" to eighteen hundred dollars.

(c) Change "twenty-four hundred dollars" to two thousand dollars.

(d) Change "twenty-five hundred dollars" to twenty-two hundred dollars.

BUCHANAN of Scurry.
STRICKLAND.

On motion of Senator Page, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking from the latter part of Section 1 the following:

Begin with the word "provided," just after the words twenty-five hundred dollars, and strike out all down to and including the words public instruction.

BUCHANAN of Scurry.

The amendment was read and Senator Bee moved to table the same.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senator Buchanan of Bell offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 26 by adding to Section 1 the following:

It is further provided, however, that no county superintendent of public instruction shall be allowed

to exceed two hundred dollars annually for office and traveling expenses; amend the caption to conform to the amendment.

BUCHANAN of Bell.

Senator Floyd offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the words two hundred dollars and insert in lieu thereof the words five hundred dollars.

FLOYD.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Bell, the amendment to the amendment was tabled.

Action recurred upon the pending amendment and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Robbins.
Clark.	Smith.
Collins.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Decherd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Nays—7.

Bee.	Hudspeth.
Faust.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	

Absent.

Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Hopkins.	Page.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Nays—2.

Buchanan of Scurry. Suiter.

Absent.

Hopkins.	Page.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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On motion of Senator Bee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 26 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Westbrook.
Floyd.	Woodward.
Gibson.	

Nays—3.

Buchanan of Scurry. Suiter.
Strickland.

Absent.

Hopkins.	Page.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Bee, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Nays—2.

Buchanan of Scurry. Suiter.

Absent.

Hopkins. Page.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

Messages From the Governor.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, from the executive office here appeared at the bar of the Senate with the following messages which were laid before the Senate:

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Senator Walter D. Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Chapter 11, Title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as adopted at the regular session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, so as to add thereto Article 1355a, making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to steal any domesticated animal, bird or fowl.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an appropriation to cover a prospective deficiency in the maintenance fund of that Department.

In this connection, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner in which he makes a request for a deficiency warrant in the amount of \$800.00.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 19, 1918

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of
Texas, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I am compelled to ask

you for a deficiency warrant for the sum of \$800.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary out of the general running expense fund of this Department.

Below I give you an itemized statement of the amount of the bills now on hand which must be paid by deficiency warrants:

W. T. Graham, Maud, Texas	\$ 9.00
W. T. Graham, Maud, Texas	18.00
Central Garage, Houston	
Texas	17.40
J. M. Hodges, Dallas, Texas	54.85
F. L. Rugley Co., Matagorda, Texas	4.25
S. W. Tel & Tel. Co., Austin, Texas	15.05
E. L. Steck, Austin, Texas..	24.18
Coast Phone Co., Port Lavaca, Texas	5.10
Gel L. Glass & Sons, Houston, Texas	26.84
Gulf Refining Co., Houston, Texas	41.90
Gulf Refining Co., Houston, Texas	45.85
Magnolia Petroleum Co., Houston, Texas	221.73
The Texas Co., Houston, Texas	1.00
The Texas Co., Houston, Texas	57.65
The City Machine Shop, Port Lavaca, Texas	178.45
Aransas Foundry & Machine Works, Aransas Pass, Texas	4.75
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	\$725.95

This necessity arises owing to the high price of all material used in our department, more especially gasoline, oils and repairs.

We beg to state we are returning to the Treasurer in the several different funds appropriated to this Department, other than this fund, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and six cents. (\$1,787.06.)

Should you find this request justifiable, we would certainly appreciate your granting this request.

We have fought hard against this, and have economized on every corner, but these unlooked for expenses

could not be overcome and carry on the Department as it should be.

Respectfully yours,

WILL C. WOOD,

Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner.
By H. T. Bailey, Chief Deputy.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject:

"An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell County to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Dr. J. G. Loggins, Superintendent of the Texas Confederate Home, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an increased appropriation to cover a prospective deficiency for clothing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Dr. John Preston, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an increased appropriation for dry goods and clothing for the State Lunatic Asylum for the years ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Dr. John Preston, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, I submit for your consideration the subject of provid-

ing an appropriation sufficient to repair or replace the boilers now used in the power house of that institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. Wm. L. Schlesinger, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Article 7355, Title 126, Chapter 1, Revised Statutes of 1911, relating to occupation tax on amusement parks operated for profit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. Wm. Schlesinger and Hon. W. E. Thomason, I submit for your consideration the subject of enacting a law to authorize the acknowledgements of written instruments and the taking of depositions of witnesses in the military service of the United States by officers authorized under the military laws of the United States to administer oaths.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. R. H. Jones, I submit for your consideration an Act to amend Article 3944, as amended by an Act passed at the regular session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 20, 1917, being Chapter 154 of the Acts of said session relating to forcible entry and detainer and to the issuance of citation and the service thereof and the giving of bond by plaintiffs and defendants in suits of that character, providing that in case the plaintiff shall file a bond in an amount to be fixed by the justice of the peace issuing such citation, he shall be placed in possession of the

property unless the defendant shall within six days from the service of citation execute and deliver to the officer serving such citation a bond in a sum at least double the amount of the bond given by the plaintiff, to be approved by said officer, and conditioned that the defendant, in case judgement is rendered against him, will pay all costs of suit and the reasonable rental or value of the use of the property to the time of making such bond, and also the reasonable value or rental of same while the suit is pending and until it is finally disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Senators A. C. Buchanan and Geo. M. Hopkins, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

An Act authorizing the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to employ not less than three lecturers from among the registered nurses of the State to visit the different high schools, colleges and universities of the State, those supported by public as well as private funds, to arouse a greater interest among young women in the profession of nursing, with the view of securing volunteers for this work, authorizing said Board to fix the salary and compensation of said lecturers and term of service, and providing for the payment of their compensation and expenses from fees accumulated and now in the possession of or under the control of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Representatives J. H. Woods, C. E. Upchurch and R. L. Williford, and Senator A. C. Robbins, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law making additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of

the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

I beg to submit for your consideration the subject of making an appropriation of funds in the Treasury to be used for the purpose of reimbursing the owner or owners for the value of any cotton or cotton products infested with the pink boll worm and which may be destroyed by the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State under authority of law and to reimburse any cotton grower or growers who may reside within any zone or zones promulgated under the authority of the Governor forbidding the planting or growing of cotton during a specified period of time from any loss sustained by such parties in being refused permission to plant and grow cotton for a period of year; giving rules estimating the measure of damages; authorizing the Governor to appoint three reputable citizens of the State who reside outside of said cotton zones to assess the damages; providing for the manner of hearing and assessing damages and establishing the procedure of ascertaining such damages, giving any dissatisfied applicant for damages the right of appeal; providing for the payment of court costs in certain instances and making appropriation for the expenses of the Board in carrying into effect the provision of said law.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

I submit for your consideration the following subjects:

An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title 15, of the Penal Code of 1911, by adding thereto Article 1055a, making it a penal offense for any person to cause, encourage or contribute to the delinquency of any minor under the age of seventeen years.

An Act to amend Article 1063,

Title 15, Chapter 8, Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, of 1911, defining rape.

An Act to amend Section 1, of Senate Bill 5, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session and approved on February 11, 1913, as the same appears on page 8, of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, the same being commonly called the "Suspended Sentence Law."

An Act to amend Senate Bill No. 99, Chapter 101, of the General Laws of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session and approved April 2, 1913, as the same appears on pages 188 and 189 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, the same being commonly called the "Wife Desertion Law."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. F. J. Roemer, I submit for your consideration an Act creating an Independent School District, to be known as the Powell Independent School District in Goliad County..

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

At the request of Hon. A. C. Buchanan, I beg to submit for your consideration an Act to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Alderdice:

S. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing that those engaged in any business within this State, upon which the laws require the payment of a tax on gross receipts, must obtain a permit to transact such business from the Secretary of State; providing for the issuance of such permit by the Secretary of State, what the same shall contain, and that the same shall be posted in the office of the person or concern to whom issued; providing for an application to be made for such permits and what such application shall show; the length of time such permits are to run; when those now engaged in business must obtain permits; providing for the suspension of such permits by the Secretary of State on a certificate from the Comptroller showing the holder has failed to pay his gross receipts taxes; stating the conditions, manner and method of suspending such permits, and the publication of notices with reference thereto; providing penalties for the transaction of business regulated in this Act without having obtained a permit; or transacting business after such permit has been suspended and the method of collecting such penalties; authorizing suit by the Attorney General to collect such penalties and defining the jurisdiction and venue of such suits; creating offenses for violations of this Act and fixing the punishment therefor; prescribing certain duties and conferring certain authority on the Comptroller, Secretary of State and the Attorney General with reference to administering and enforcing this Act; making this Act cumulative of all other laws on the subject; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 921 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas adopted at the regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature in 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Caldwell:

S. B. No. 71, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 11 of

Title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, so as to add thereto Article 1355a, making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to steal any domesticated animal, bird or fowl; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Buchanan of Bell:

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding court therein as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature, Chapter 61; and to fix the time for holding court in the counties of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Alderdice:

S. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Articles 7407, 7408, 7409 and 7418, Revised Statutes of 1911, providing for a State Tax Board and devolving the duties heretofore placed upon such board upon the Railroad Commission of Texas; amending Articles 7410, 7411, 7413, 7415, 7417, 7419, 7420, 7422 and 7424, prescribing certain duties and powers heretofore vested in the State Tax Board so as to vest such powers and duties upon the Railroad Commission of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent and punish prostitution and other unlawful sexual intercourse and the spread of venereal diseases within the State of Texas, by amending Articles 496 and 504, Chapter 4, Title 10 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1911, and by adding after Article 504 certain articles to be numbered and known as Articles 504a and 504b and to read as herein set out, and by amending Articles 4689 and 4690 of Title 69 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911 and by adding after

said Article 4690 certain articles to be numbered and known as Articles 4690a, 4690b, 4690c, and 4690d.

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 639, Chapter 9, Title 11 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas adopted in 1911, changing the punishment for vagrancy and providing for the treatment of vagrants affected with communicable venereal disease."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make unlawful sexual intercourse by any person knowing, or having reasonably ground to believe that he is infected with any communicable venereal disease, and to provide a penalty therefor."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Robbins:

S. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 41.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the teaching of lessons in patriotism in the public schools of this State, for the proper display of the United States flag in connection with every public school of the State, and directing the State Superintendent, county and city superintendents in the discharge of their duty relative thereto."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Faust, the

constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several day was suspended and House Bill No. 41 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Hopkins.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Faust, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 48.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the various counties of this State to pay for the services of interpreters employed by the various courts in this State, and providing for the collection in civil suits of the sum of three (\$3.00) dollars as cost of interpreters in every civil suit where an interpreter is used and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be printed in the Journal only was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 48 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

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Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Parr, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

Gibson.	Page.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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Bill Signed.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Decherd, gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1361, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to permit the organization or reorgan-

ization of unorganized or disorganized counties upon a petition expressing such desire, signed by not less than seventy-five qualified voters, residing in such unorganized or disorganized county, and declaring an emergency."

(Senator Suiter in the chair.)

Senate Bill No. 10.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading:

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation and establishment of water control and preservation districts for the control and preservation of the purity of the waters of rivers, creeks, bayous, lakes, canals, streams or other waters, for irrigation or in aid thereof, by the prevention of the inflow of salt water or other deleterious substances; the changing of said waters from salt to fresh water and the impounding of fresh water; empowering such districts to erect, construct, maintain, repair and reconstruct dams, bulkheads, jetties, locks, gates or any other character of improvements necessary to the accomplishment of said purposes, or any of them; creating boards of water control and preservation where the lands embraced in such districts lie in two or more counties, or parts of counties, and defining the powers of such boards of water control and preservation; providing for the method of establishment of such districts; authorizing the ordering and holding of elections for the purpose of voting on the establishment of such districts, and the issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment for such improvements and the levying and collecting of taxes for payment of such bonds, and interest thereon, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report recommending a substitute bill was adopted.

Senator Strickland offered the following amendment:

Amend committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 10 by striking out the words "of the State" in line 20, Section 1, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the words "in the Fourteenth Senatorial District of this State."

On motion of Senator Collins the amendment was tabled.

Senator Strickland offered the following amendment, which was read:

Amend committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 10, Section 2, page 4, in line 15, by inserting after the words "twenty-five" the words "per cent."

On motion of Senator Collins the amendment was tabled.

Senator Strickland offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 10, page 24, by striking out Section 35 of said page.

Senator Strickland offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(2) Amend committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 10, page 33, by striking out everything in Section 48, including and after the words "misdemeanor" in the line 29 of said page and insert the following: "felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a term not less than one year nor more than five."

Senator Collins move to reconsider the vote by which amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Strickland, was adopted.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Collins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 10 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bec.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Collins.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Faust.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

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Caldwell.	Woodward.
Floyd.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Collins, was passed finally.

(President Pro Tem. Decherd in the chair.)

Senate Bill No. 67.

Senator Hudspeth moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and Senate Bill No. 67 put on its second reading.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	Parr.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Floyd. Page.
McNealus.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2825, Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners; providing for the appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters and providing the duties of such officers, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 67 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Floyd. Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hudspeth, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Bailey. Page.
Floyd. Woodward
Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

Senate Bill No. 66.

Senator Hudspeth moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and Senate Bill No. 66 put on its second reading.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
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Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 1917, relating to the appointment of tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts, providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose, providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts; and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 66 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Collins.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

Buchanan of Bell.	Robbins.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hudspeth, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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Senate Bill No. 29.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the Adjutant General and making an appropriation of \$7,200.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of moneys in the State Treasury for the years ending August 31, 1918, and

August 31, 1919; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report carrying committee amendments was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 29 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.

Nays—1.

Strickland.

Absent.

Gibson.	Page.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Nays—1.

Strickland.

Absent.

Clark.	Page.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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Senate Bill No. 58.

Senator Strickland moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and Senate Bill No. 58 put on its second reading.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Parr.
Collins.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Faust.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Hall.	

Absent.

Gibson.	Page.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to John H. Elliott to bring suit against the State of Texas in the District Court of Anderson County, Texas, for damages for personal injuries received by him while on duty as a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Texas State Railroad, providing that such suit may be filed within two years after this Act takes effect; and providing that such cause of action shall not be barred until two years after this Act takes effect, and providing for the method of serving process and for procedure governing the trial and determination of such suit, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Strickland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 58 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Caldwell.	Page.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Strickland, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Caldwell.	Page.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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Senate Bill No. 32—Set as Special Order.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator McNealus, Senate

Bill No. 32 was set as a special order for tomorrow at the conclusion of the morning call.

Senate Bill No. 54.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the special road law for Smith County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature and known as Chapter 70 of the special laws of said Thirty-third Legislature. And also to amend Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the special road law of Smith County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and approved February 16, 1915, prescribing the number of petitioners for election in said county, or political subdivision thereof, for road bonds, prescribing the purpose of said bonds and further prescribing the condition upon which every able-bodied male convict shall be required to labor upon public roads, and further prescribing the duty of commissioners and other county officials, providing penalties for failure to perform such duty, and further providing the time of maturity, rate of interest and conditions of validating elections heretofore held; rate of interest and conditions of the sale of said bonds, validating elections heretofore held, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Suiter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 54 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Bee.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hall.
Clark.	Henderson.
Collins.	Hopkins.
Dean.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	Johnson of Hall.
Faust.	Johnston of Harris.

Lattimore.	Smith.
McNealus.	Strickland.
Parr.	Suiter.
Robbins.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Buchanan of Bell.	Woodward.
Caldwell.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Suiter, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Collins.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Faust.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Page.
Caldwell.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dayton.	McCollum.
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Senate Bill No. 28.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a court to be styled the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas, to consist of six persons, learned in the law, to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice of the Senate, which shall sit in two sections, known as Section A and Section B, each section consisting of three members, and who shall hold their office for two years and receive for their services a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and declaring an emergency."

Pending.

Adjournment.

At 5:40 o'clock p. m. the Senate on motion of Senator Bailey adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Johnson offered two petitions addressed to Senator McCollum in opposition to any amendment of election laws.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered a petition from candidates of Young County favoring an early primary.

Senator Johnston offered three telegrams from business firms of Houston against change in Purchasing Agent's office.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from Miss Cunningham stating that President Woodrow Wilson favors equal suffrage.

Engrossing Committee Report.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 22 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the teaching of lessons in patriotism in the public schools of this State, for the proper display of the United States flag in connection with every public school of the State, and directing the State Superintendent, county and city superintendents in the discharge of their duty relative thereto; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Faust, Bailey, Robbins, Floyd, Alderdice, Smith, Buchanan of Scurry, Page, Johnson of Hall, Dean, Lattimore, Gibson.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred H. B. No. 53,

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 3, 16 and 19 of Chapter 83 of an Act approved March 16, 1917, relating to the development of minerals in public lands by requiring applications to be filed in the General Land Office instead of with the county clerk and providing that permits shall be issued to the one who makes the highest cash offer for the area in addition to the one-eighth royalty, and providing for the employment of a mineral inspector and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following committee amendments: Add Section 3a after Section 3.

Committee Amendment No. 1.

"Section 3a. And provided further, that whenever the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall have issued a permit to any person granting oil or other mineral rights

in and under lands belonging to the State of Texas, or whenever application for a permit is made to said Commissioner, which application should be, in his opinion, granted, said Commissioner may, if any portion of the lands specified in any such permit of application is adversely claimed by persons asserting title against the State, request the Attorney General to file suit against such adverse claimants for the purpose of settling and quieting the title of the State to such lands so adversely claimed and the minerals in and under same, and it shall thereupon be and become the duty of the Attorney General to institute and prosecute such litigation, unless prior to such request suit shall have been instituted by claimants under a permit for the purpose of settling and quieting the title to the area and minerals as against such adverse claimants of the title to the area, in which event the said Attorney General may, if in his opinion the interest of the State of Texas will be fully protected in said suit, abide the determination thereof, or he may at any stage of the litigation intervene on behalf of the State of Texas, if in his opinion the proper protection of the rights of the State shall so require. Pending any such litigation, no permit granting said oil or other minerals and duly and regularly issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be forfeited for failure to develop the area specified therein, and any one holding such permit from the State of Texas shall have the statutory period after the termination of said litigation in which to prospect and develop said area for oil and other minerals. In cases where the Land Commissioner, before issuing the permit, requests the Attorney General to institute litigation for the purpose above mentioned, the application for such permits shall remain on file and in good standing until the termination of such litigation; provided, however, that this act, and all rights, remedies and proceedings herein authorized shall apply to all permits issued prior to the enactment of this law, and to all persons holding such permits, as well as to all permits and all holders thereof issued or applied for after this act becomes a law."

Amend caption just preceding emergency clause as follows:

Committee Amendment No. 2.

"And to provide for the institution of suits to settle the State's title to lands embraced in mineral permits or applications for mineral permits, and to provide that such permits and applications shall not be forfeited until the titles to lands embraced therein are settled by such litigation."

PARR, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5396 and 5397, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the discovery and sale of excess acreage in school surveys and their alternate private surveys, and to include the discovery and sale of excess acreage in patented alternate surveys and in surveys located by virtue of certificates issued for the construction of railroads and other works whether such did or did not obligate the owner to locate a like amount of land for the State or school fund; and all surveys and blocks of surveys located by virtue of certificates for land issued to individuals which required the location of a like amount for the State or school fund, and in surveys sold under the fifty cent Act of July 14, 1879, Chapter 52, and the amendment thereto of March 11, 1881, Chapter 33, and to add thereto Article 5397a; and to repeal Articles 5399 and 5400, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PARR, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 5376, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 and to repeal Article 5379 of the same statute both relating to the delivery of patents, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PARR, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3842, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to fees chargeable by the General Land Office of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PARR, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Lamkin Independent School District in Comanche County, Texas, out of the territory now composing common school district No. 65 of said county, providing that the title to the school property be vested in such independent school district and that it assume the debts of said common school district, providing for a board of trustees for said district, defining their powers and duties, defining the boundaries of said district and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hutto Independent School District in Williamson County, Texas, defining its boundaries, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the General Laws of the State upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing for the election of trustees, for the raising of revenues, issuing of bonds, building and maintaining of school houses, maintaining public free schools; providing for the assumption by the Hutto Independent School District as herein defined of the bonded indebtedness of the existing Hutto Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Bailey, Lattimore, Robbins, Gibson, Alderdice, Buchanan of Scurry, Decherd, Floyd, Smith, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, president Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the special road law for Smith County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70 of the Special Laws of said Thirty-third Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the

recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Strickland, Smith, Floyd, Clark.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid, and hereinafter designated as venereal diseases, to be contagious, infectious, communicable and dangerous to the public health; providing for and requiring reports to be made by physicians and others in all cases of such diseases; requiring patients affected with venereal diseases to give information thereof; requiring city, county and local health officers to ascertain the existence of such diseases and sources of infection; providing for the protection of others from infection from such diseases; providing the condition under which the name of the patient is required to be reported; requiring druggists to keep a record of sales of drugs for venereal diseases; prohibiting any person knowingly exposing another to infection from venereal diseases; providing for the giving of certificate of freedom from such diseases; providing that the records and all information concerning the persons infected with such diseases shall be kept secret from the public; providing for penalty for violations of this Act; investing the State, county and local health officers with all authority now provided for the enforcement of quarantine regulations, to enforce the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McNEALUS, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred S. B. No. 49, a bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 66 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to public health and providing a sanitary code for Texas, by adding thereto Article 4553aa, prohibiting advertisement concerning certain diseases and afflictions, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

McNealus, Chairman; Bee, Henderson, Clark, Strickland, Smith, Decherd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to employ not less than three lecturers from among the registered nurses of the State to visit the different high schools, colleges and universities of the State, those supported by public as well as private funds, to arouse a greater interest among young women in the profession of nursing, with the view of securing volunteers for the work, authorizing said board to fix the salary and compensation of said lecturers and term of their service, and providing for the payment of their compensation and expenses from fees accumulated and now in the possession of or under the control of said board, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

McNealus, Chairman; Clark, Bee, Strickland, Smith, Decherd, Henderson.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 3086 Chapter 10, Title 49, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that no candidate at a primary election for a State or district office shall be declared the nominee of any political party unless he is legally qualified to hold such office, has complied with all the requirements of law, and received a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office at such primary election; providing for the holding of a second primary election and fixing the date of the holding of all second primary elections, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSTON of Harris,
Chairman.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: A majority of your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections and nominating conventions in Texas; prescribing qualifications for such voters; providing for registration in cities of ten thousand inhabitants and over, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSTON of Harris,
Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections and nominating conventions in Texas; prescribing qualifications for such voters, providing for registration in

cities of ten thousand inhabitants and over and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

JOHNSTON of Harris.

BAILEY.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts, providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose, providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Parr, Chairman; Hall, Buchanan of Scurry, Hudspeth, Decherd, Buchanan of Bell, Johnson of Hall.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2585, Chapter 4, Title 47 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners, providing for the appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, term of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters and providing the duties of such officers; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Parr, Chairman; Hall, Buchanan of Scurry, Hudspeth, Decherd, Buchanan of Bell, Johnson of Hall.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5894 of Title 92 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1914, prescribing uniform weights and containers for both flour and meal; also prescribing standard weights per bushel for cured sweet potatoes, onions, Spanish peanuts, Virginia runner or bunch peanuts, and jumbo peanuts, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

Woodward, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Suiter, Alderdice.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, and 8, of Chapter 181, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 6, Acts of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto Section 2b, providing for standard 'grades and packs' of other fruits and vegetables, prohibiting common carriers from receiving fruits or vegetables for shipment or transporting the same in violation of the provisions of this Act; prescribing penalties for violation of this law, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and report the same back

with the recommendation that it do pass.

Woodward, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Suiter, Alderdice.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish and re-establish the limits of Talpa Independent School District; repealing all laws so far as they conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article §21, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Hudspeth, Hall, Strickland, Suiter, Collins, Westbrook, Lattimore, Caldwell, Henderson.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas and to fix the time for holding court therein as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature, Chapter 61;

and to fix the time for holding court in the counties of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; Hall, Parr, Henderson, Dean, Johnston of Harris, Suiter.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred

S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to John H. Elliott to bring suit against the State of Texas in the District Court of Anderson County, Texas, for damages for personal injuries received by him while on duty as a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Texas State Railroad, providing that such suit may be filed within two years after this Act takes effect; and providing that such cause of action shall not be barred until two years after this Act takes effect and providing for the method of serving process and for procedure governing the trial and determination of such suit, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with a recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

PAGE, Vice Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Highland Independent School District in McLennan County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recom-

menation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Enrolling Committee Reports.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro. Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 21, copy of which is hereto attached, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:15 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 11, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro. Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 19, copy of which is hereto attached, and find it correctly enrolled and have this day at 11 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HOPKINS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro. Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 19, copy of which is hereto attached, and find it correctly enrolled and have this day at 11:15 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman,

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro. Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 15, copy of which is hereto attached, and find it correctly enrolled and have this day at 11:15 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

S. B. No. 15

By Suiter.

An Act to amend Article 7447, Chapter 5, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to hereafter provide that no license shall be granted to any dealer in either spirituous, vinous or malt liquors except within incorporated cities or towns and prescribing the distance from certain institutions and places within which no license for such business shall be granted, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7447, Chapter 5, Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911 shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 7447. License not to be granted for such business except in an incorporated city or town nor within 300 feet of a church or other prescribed institution nor within 10 miles of military camps, etc. The county judge shall in no case grant a license authorizing such business to be operated in any place other than in a town or city incorporated for municipal purposes under the laws of the State of Texas, and shall grant no license where the proposed place of business in such incorporated town or city is within 300 feet of a church, school or other educational or charitable institution, the measurements to be along the property lines of the street fronts and from front door to front door, and in a direct line across intersections where they occur; provided the proposed place of business is not within a business block, or within 300 feet thereof, as such business block is defined in the preceding article; and provided further that no license shall be granted if the proposed place of business is within ten miles of any military camp, cantonment, aviation camp, fort, arsenal or any yard where ships are being built for military purposes or for the United States government, or any place or station where soldiers, sailors or marines of the United States are stationed, encamped or being trained."

Sec. 2. Our country being now engaged in a most titanic war it being necessary to protect the soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United

States army from the evil effects of the liquor traffic, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and such rule is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5, copy of which is hereto attached and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:15 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

S. C. R. No. 5:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the House and the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate be directed and required to make carbon copies of all enrolled bills and resolutions that may be sent to the Governor for approval and that they shall furnish said copies to the Secretary of State at the same time the original enrolled bills or resolutions are transmitted to the Governor.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, copy of which is hereto attached and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:15 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

S. C. R. No. 7:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Sergeants-at-Arms of the House and the Senate be directed to deliver all waste paper to the Austin Chapter of the Red Cross Society.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas.

Thursday, March 14, 1918.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Decherd.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Faust.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent—Excused.

Dayton. McCollum.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Alderdice.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

House Bill No. 54.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hutto Independent School District in Williamson County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.